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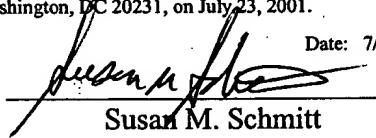
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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please add claims 80- 83 as follows:

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--80. A method for billing for long-term storage of an electronic medical image file comprising the steps of:

providing a central data management system configured to receive and store one or more electronic image files from an imaging center, and to transmit the one or more electronic image files to a remote viewer; and

charging the imaging center a fixed fee for a predetermined period of time of storage.

81. The method of claim 80 wherein said predetermined fixed fee is charged for transmitting said one or more electronic medical images to one or more designated locations.

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